

# INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Web Development Assistance

On October 25, 2011, as a result of a competitive GSA Federal Supply Schedule solicitation, a firm-fixed-price task order (NRC-HQ-12-P-38-0012) was awarded to Systems Integration & Development, in Bethesda, Maryland. The contractor will provide Web development assistance support to the TTC. The period of performance is December 1, 2011, through November 30, 2012, with no option periods. The total estimated value of the order is \$221,660.

Transportation Support Services for NRC Senior Staff

On October 28, 2011, as a result of a non-competitive 8(a) solicitation, a time-and-materials contract with fixed hourly prices for drivers (NRC-HQ-12-C-10-0005) was awarded to Dream Management, Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland. The contractor will provide NRC Headquarters with transportation support services (driver services) for NRC senior staff. The period of performance is December 1, 2011, through November 30, 2012, with four 1-year option periods. The total estimated value of the contract is \$1,109,210, inclusive of all options.

Rulemaking in Support of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations (NRR), the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME), the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR), and the Office of New Reactors (NRO)

On November 1, 2011, as a result of a competitive General Services Administration Schedule solicitation, a fixed labor hour Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) (NRC-HQ-11-A-03-0007) was awarded to ICF Incorporated, L.L.C. of Fairfax, Virginia. The contractor will provide technical assistance support of NRR, FSME, NSIR, and NRO Rulemaking Activities. The period of performance is November 1, 2011, through October 31, 2012, with four 1-year option periods. The total value of the BPA is \$3,930,892, inclusive of all options.

Office of Federal and State Materials  
and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)  
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NRC Publishes the Governors' Designees Receiving Advance Notification of Transportation of Certain Shipments of Nuclear Waste and Spent Fuel

On October 31, 2011, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 67229) the Governors' Designees Receiving Advance Notification of Transportation of Nuclear Waste. Amendments to 10 CFR Parts 71 and 73 (effective July 6, 1982) require advance notification to Governors or their designees by NRC licensees prior to transportation of certain shipments of nuclear waste and spent fuel. The advance notification covered in Part 73 is for spent nuclear reactor fuel shipments and the notification for Part 71 is for large quantity shipments of radioactive waste (and of spent nuclear reactor fuel not covered under the final amendment to 10 CFR Part 73). The published list updates the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of those individuals in each State who are responsible for receiving information on these shipments. Current State contact information can also be accessed throughout the year at the FSME external website: <http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/special/designee.pdf>.

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Office of Human Resources (HR)  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
Kolterman, JoAnn	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-III
Li, Ming	RISK AND RELIABILITY ENGINEER	RES
Thurgood, Marvin	SR. REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	RES
Wasem, Michael	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SPECIALIST	NSIR
<b>Retirements</b>		
Shum, David	SENIOR REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRO
<b>Departures</b>		
Morgan, Thomas	GENERAL ENGINEER (NSPDP)	NRR

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Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Advanced Records and Information Management and Litigation Readiness Symposium

On November 2, 2011, OIS staff attended the Advanced Records and Information Management and Litigation Readiness Symposium sponsored by Contoural and local Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA) International Chapters in Washington, DC. Speakers at the symposium discussed best practices for how legal, records management, and information technology professionals can meet the challenges of litigation readiness. The symposium provided practical solutions for dealing with the accumulation of data and records that increases the risks and costs of discovery for organizations.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of October 28, 2011, through November 3, 2011:

Westinghouse AP1000 Design Control Document, Docket 52-006, 40 specified records submitted March 28, 2002	FOIA/PA-2012-0029
Copies of all material the NRC has regarding induced seismicity, 2000-10/31/2011	FOIA/PA-2012-0030
2008-2011 All engineering and science vacancy announcements that were not filled or applicable to the options stated on pages 53-54 Management Directive 10.15	FOIA/PA-2012-0031
Agency Case 11-04, copies of all emails, letter, notes, and other communication between the Office of New Reactors, the Office of Research, and the Office of Human Resources regarding promotion of named individual and the canceled vacancy NRO/DSRA-2010-004	FOIA/PA-2012-0032
Proposed Greene County Nuclear Power Plant in the 1970s. Requests site plans and conceptual drawings for the site in Cementon, New York.	FOIA/PA-2012-0033
ML102070374/G20100476/EDATS: OEDO-2010-0609 - Briefing Package for Drop-in Visit on August 12, 2010, be made publicly available	FOIA/PA-2012-0034
G20100476/EDATS: OEDO-2010-0609 Briefing package for Drop in Visit on August 13, 2010, request correspondence which Union Electric Company submitted to the NRC containing mentioned items	FOIA/PA-2012-0035
Meeting minutes and notes that were taken at Drop-in visit on August 13, 2010	FOIA/PA-2012-0036
Post-meeting correspondence from NRC to Ameren regarding August 13, 2010, Drop-in visit	FOIA/PA-2012-0037
Post-meeting correspondence from Ameren to NRC regarding the August 13, 2010, Drop in visit	FOIA/PA-2012-0038
Radioactive Materials License effective in 1999 for Lancaster Regional Medical Center, formerly St. Joseph's Hospital, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania	FOIA/PA-2012-0039
Case file of named individual, referral from Merit Systems Protection Board	FOIA/PA-2012-0040

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)  
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Coordination Meeting with the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Secure Transportation

On November 2, 2011, NMSS and Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response staff participated in a coordination meeting with the DOE Office of Secure Transportation at the Nuclear Fuel Service (NFS) site in Erwin, Tennessee. Security staff from the Babcock and Wilcox (B&W) site in Lynchburg, Virginia, also participated. The meeting completed the action required under the NRC-DOE Memorandum of Agreement for emergency and non-emergency harboring of convoy vehicles. Participants discussed proposals to improve communication and coordination between site security officers and convoy security officers while convoys are onsite. Construction activities at NFS and B&W were also discussed.

2011 Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Technical Exchange and Regulatory Conference

On November 1-3, 2011, the Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation in NMSS hosted a Technical Exchange and Regulatory Conference. The meetings, which were attended by over 70 external stakeholders, discussed technical and regulatory issues involving spent fuel storage and the transportation of radioactive material. The Technical Exchange featured two concurrent technical sessions where NRC staff and industry gave presentations and exchanged dialogue on subject areas, including stack-up analysis, retrievability, fuel reconfiguration, marine corrosion, top nozzle, moderator exclusion, and aging management. The conference featured six panels, five of which included both NRC and stakeholder presentations. NRC presentations shared internal improvement initiatives and staff perspectives on NRC/industry initiatives. The sixth panel on radioactive material transportation had only external stakeholder presentations. Stakeholders were given an opportunity to share their insights on pertinent licensing, inspection, and regulatory challenges.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Insulated Conductors Committee Meeting

On October 24-26, 2011, the staff participated in the IEEE Insulated Conductors Committee meeting in Denver, Colorado. The staff participated in several working group sessions involving revisions to the IEEE 400 series standards and Class 1E Cables for Nuclear Plants (IEEE 383), including sessions regarding Diagnostic Testing for Cable Joints and Terminations and Submergence Testing of Nuclear Facilities Cables. During this meeting, the staff shared its plan to issue the Regulatory Guide 1.218, "Condition-Monitoring Techniques for Electric Cables Used in Nuclear Power Plants," which describes a method and techniques that the staff considers acceptable for use in implementing the regulatory requirements with regard to monitoring the performance of electric cables used in nuclear power plants.

Meeting with Dominion Regarding North Anna Power Station Restart Readiness

On November 1, 2011, the staff participated in a public meeting in Mineral, Virginia with Dominion regarding North Anna Power Station restart readiness. The staff discussed the results of its inspections and restart review at the plant since the earthquake. The staff provided an overview of the Augmented Inspection Team results, as well as the Restart Readiness Inspection activities. In addition, the staff provided a summary of the restart requirements, the review process, summary of the key technical areas associated with the safety review, and the next steps/path forward. The staff conveyed to the members of the public that a restart decision could be made as early as next week. At the conclusion of the presentations, the staff held an extensive question and answer session.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)  
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Software Qualification and Reliability Assessment Presentation

On November 2, 2011, Dr. Man Cheol Kim, a senior researcher from Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI), visited RES and gave a presentation to the staff of the Digital Instrumentation and Controls Branch. In his presentation entitled "Software qualification and reliability assessment," Dr. Kim discussed KAERI's recent work on software qualification for the reactor protection system and the joint work of Brookhaven National Laboratory and KAERI on software reliability assessment. The purpose of Dr. Kim's visit was to promote international collaboration on research activities between the US and Korea. The presentation and discussion facilitated the information exchange between researchers at NRC and KAERI.

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)  
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

Concerns that the Davis-Besse nuclear power plant (Ohio) will restart before there is a full understanding of the two cracks found in its shield building.

A letter from the Project on Government Oversight, which focused on a long-resolved issue of a “dead” fault discovered during the construction of the North Anna nuclear power plant (Virginia).

An NRC Office of Investigations report regarding a contractor who failed to report to Exelon an arrest when seeking unescorted access authorization to the Salem nuclear power plant (Delaware).

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported an NRC Chairman interview with Energy Now on Yucca Mountain, fuel storage, and Fukushima that will air on Sunday at 11 a.m. EST on ABC affiliate, channel 7.

OPA supported a public NRC meeting near the North Anna nuclear power plant (Virginia) on November 1, 2011, to discuss the current status of restart inspections after the August 23, 2011, earthquake.

OPA posted two new blogs:

- Setting the record straight about the ammonia leak at the San Onofre nuclear power plant
- Taking Out the “Gov Speak”

<b>Press Releases Issued</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
<a href="#">11-209</a>	NRC Chairman Jaczko to Visit India November 14-18, 2011 (11/4/2011)
<a href="#">11-208</a>	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at the Information Briefing on the Fuel Cycle Oversight Program (11/01/2011)
<a href="#">11-207</a>	NRC Approves Final Rule Amending Advanced Water-Boiling Reactor Design Certification to Include Consideration of Aircraft Impacts (11/01/2011)
<a href="#">11-206</a>	NRC Approves Westinghouse Hematite’s Request to Dispose of Low-Level Radioactive Waste at U.S. Ecology Site in Idaho (10/31/2011)
<b>Regions:</b>	
<a href="#">II-11-064</a>	NRC Schedules Conference With Progress Energy to Discuss Crystal River Nuclear Plant Emergency Plan Issue (10/31/2011)
<a href="#">II-11-063</a>	NRC Schedules Public Meeting For November 8, 2011, to Discuss Watts Bar Nuclear Unit 2 Construction Project (10/31/2011)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. <a href="#">Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0133</a>	11/01/2011	Options to Evaluate Requests to Use Discounted Parent Company Guarantees to Assure Funding of Decommissioning Cost for Power Reactors
2. <a href="#">Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0106</a>	11/01/2011	Final Rule: U.S. Advanced Boiling-Water Reactor Aircraft Impact Design Certification Amendment (RIN 3150-A184)
3. <a href="#">Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0137</a>	11/02/2011	Prioritization of Recommended Actions to be Taken in Response to Fukushima Lessons Learned
4. <a href="#">SECY-11-0145</a>	11/02/2011	Final Rule: AP1000 Design Certification Amendment
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. <a href="#">SECY-11-0153</a>	11/01/2011	Weekly Information Report-Week Ending October 21, 2011
2. <a href="#">SECY-11-0146</a>	10/19/2011	Annual Update on the Status of Emergency Preparedness Activities
<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. <a href="#">M11101A</a>	11/01/2011	Staff Requirements - Final Rule: U.S. Advanced Boiling-Water Reactor Aircraft Impact Design Certification Amendment (RIN 3150-A184)
3. <a href="#">M111020</a>	11/02/2011	Staff Requirements – NRC All Employees Meeting

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey, dated October 25, 2011, responds to letter concerning regulatory requirements for proper maintenance of emergency diesel and battery generators.

Federal Register Notices Issued:

1. License Renewal Application for Purdue University [Docket No. 50-182, NRC-2011-0186].

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2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting 11/29/2011.
3. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor, notice of meeting 11/30/2011.
4. Request for a License to Export Reactor Components – Westinghouse Electric Company LLC Application No. XR174, Docket No. 11005963.
5. Taxpayers and Ratepayers United, et al.; Environmental Impacts of Severe Reactor and Spent Fuel Pool Accidents [Docket Nos. PRM 51-14, et al.; NRC-2011-0189]
6. ASLBP, Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Strata Energy, Inc. Ross In Situ Recovery Uranium Project).

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